

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Boschert**
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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **POW/MIA Flag Display from State House**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain POW/MIA flag to be flown from the State
4 House on certain days each year; defining a certain term; and generally relating
5 to the display of the POW/MIA flag from the State House.

6 BY adding to
7 Article - State Government
8 Section 13-205
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - State Government**

14 13-205.

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "POW/MIA FLAG" MEANS THE POW/MIA FLAG OF THE
16 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN
17 SOUTHEAST ASIA.

18 (B) EACH YEAR, THE POW/MIA FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN FROM THE STATE
19 HOUSE ON:

20 (1) MAY 30, FOR MEMORIAL DAY;

21 (2) THE DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES FOR
22 THE OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY IF OTHER THAN MAY 30;

23 (3) THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THAT ARE CLOSEST TO MAY 30,
24 UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES ANOTHER DAY FOR THE
25 OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, IN WHICH CASE, THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
26 THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THE DAY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS;

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1 (4) THE THIRD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER, FOR POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY;

2 (5) NOVEMBER 11, FOR VETERANS' DAY;

3 (6) THE DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES FOR
4 THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY IF OTHER THAN NOVEMBER 11; AND

5 (7) THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THAT ARE CLOSEST TO NOVEMBER 11,
6 UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES ANOTHER DAY FOR THE
7 OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY, IN WHICH CASE THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THAT
8 ARE CLOSEST TO THE DAY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2005.